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Alan G. Towner is a Partner with Leech Tishman and Chair of the Intellectual Property Practice Group. Alan is based in the Pittsburgh office, where he focuses his practice on all aspects of intellectual property law including patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets.

Alan regularly handles matters including preparing and prosecuting patent, trademark and copyright applications, patentability opinions, patent infringement and validity studies, trademark clearance opinions, patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret litigation, and general intellectual property counseling.

Alan began his career as a Patent Examiner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, specializing in mechanical areas of technology. He also has experience as a research associate and patent attorney in the aerospace industry, where he handled diverse technologies including metal alloys, composites and ceramics. In private practice since 1992, Alan has dealt with a broad range of technologies in the chemical,

material, medical, mechanical, data storage, electronic devices and nano-technology areas.

Academics

J.D., University of Baltimore School of Law
B.S. in Engineering Science, with honors, Pennsylvania State University

Admissions

Pennsylvania
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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Professional Memberships

American Intellectual Property Law Association
Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association (Past President, 2009-2010)
American Society of Materials
The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society
Western District of Pennsylvania Local Patent Rules Committee and Intellectual Property Inn of Court (Founding Member)

Professional Accolades

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The Best Lawyers in America, Copyright Law (2011-2022), Litigation- Intellectual Property (2011-2022), Litigation-Patent (2011-2022), Patent Law (2011-2022), Trademark Law (2011-2022)
The Best Lawyers in America: Lawyer of the Year, Litigation - Patent (2020), Pittsburgh
Best Lawyers Pennsylvania, Copyright Law (2011-2022), Litigation- Intellectual Property (2011-2022), Litigation-Patent (2011-2022), Patent Law (2011-2022), Trademark Law (2011-2022)
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